



Montgomery County Public Schools

APPROVED FY26 BUDGET

\$3,595,551,906

FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

25,387.32

MISSION STATEMENT

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) operates a countywide system of public schools for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. For the 2024-2025 school year (FY25), 158,614 students in pre-kindergarten classes through Grade 12 attend 211 public educational facilities. For the 2025-26 school year (FY26), enrollment is estimated to be 159,915 students.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The total Approved FY26 Operating Budget for Montgomery County Public Schools is \$3,595.6 million, an increase of \$273.2 million or 8.2 percent from the FY25 Approved Budget of \$3,322.3 million.

Tax-Supported Funding for Public Schools

For FY26, the total tax-supported portion of the Approved Operating Budget (excluding grants and enterprise funds) is \$3,354.6 million, an increase of \$248.8 million or 8.0 percent compared to the tax-supported portion of the FY25 Approved Operating Budget of \$3,105.9 million. In FY26, County revenue will provide 69.7 percent of the public schools' tax-supported Operating Budget.

In addition, MCPS will receive one-time County funding of \$50.0 million (\$25.0 million in both FY25 and FY26) via an increase to the annual County contribution to the MCPS Retiree Health Benefits Trust provided to the schools system for current health care needs. These funds will assist MCPS in meeting its payments for retiree benefits, address cash flow issues, and make other funds available to MCPS to address other needs as it takes action on its three-year plan to address escalating healthcare costs.

The table below summarizes the contributions to MCPS programs that are appropriated in other departments or agencies.

Additional County Support for MCPS in FY26	
MCPS Budget (in millions)	\$3,595.6
Additional County funding (not included in MCPS budget)	
• Debt service on school construction bonds	\$154.4
• Pre-funding retiree health benefits	\$58.0
• Support services	\$172.3
• Technology modernization	\$27.2
Total additional County funding	\$411.9
Total expenditures for MCPS	\$4,007.5
Sources: CC Approved FY26 Operating and Capital Budgets	
Numbers may not sum due to rounding.	

Additional information regarding the MCPS budget is available in the FY26 MCPS Operating Budget adopted by the Board of Education. Copies of the budget are available at Montgomery County libraries, on the MCPS website, and upon request from the school system.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES

While this program area supports all seven of the County Executive's Priority Outcomes, the following is emphasized:



Thriving Youth and Families

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Carly Thompson of the Montgomery County Public Schools at 240-740-3158 or Eva Acevedo of the Office of Management and Budget at 240-777-2763 for more information regarding this agency's operating budget.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
CURRENT FUND MCPS					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Current Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	2,977,136,015	3,105,889,411	3,117,782,468	3,354,638,789	8.0 %
Current Fund MCPS Expenditures	2,977,136,015	3,105,889,411	3,117,782,468	3,354,638,789	8.0 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	23,242.56	23,456.63	23,456.63	23,970.81	2.2 %
REVENUES					
Tuition-Other Sources	1,461,651	3,645,622	3,645,622	3,807,933	4.5 %
Basic State Aid	415,772,353	426,200,692	426,200,692	450,226,733	5.6 %
Federal Revenues	479,406	100,000	100,000	200,000	100.0 %
Foster Care/Miscellaneous	80,268	180,000	180,000	180,000	—
Students With Disabilities	88,579,108	98,094,064	98,094,064	104,769,824	6.8 %
Transportation	55,568,313	56,359,656	56,359,656	58,050,549	3.0 %
Blueprint	34,188,921	39,274,278	39,274,278	39,440,577	0.4 %
Compensatory Education	200,618,950	202,027,881	202,027,881	201,992,717	—
Comparable Wage Index	33,818,923	34,667,164	34,667,164	35,126,690	1.3 %
Limited English Proficiency	104,568,200	113,697,716	113,697,716	115,515,739	1.6 %
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,022,759	3,000,000	3,000,000	6,685,689	122.9 %
Interest Income	8,441,251	0	0	0	—

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
Current Fund MCPS Revenues	946,600,103	977,247,073	977,247,073	1,015,996,451	4.0 %

GRANT FUND MCPS

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Grant Fund MCPS Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	230,937,441	125,376,644	125,376,644	148,688,367	18.6 %
Grant Fund MCPS Expenditures	230,937,441	125,376,644	125,376,644	148,688,367	18.6 %

PERSONNEL

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	638.70	642.34	642.34	749.06	16.6 %

REVENUES

Federal Grants	222,853,897	112,733,603	112,733,603	107,126,170	-5.0 %
Private Grants	565,268	11,531,204	11,531,204	11,531,204	—
State Grants	7,518,276	1,111,837	1,111,837	30,030,993	2601.0 %
Grant Fund MCPS Revenues	230,937,441	125,376,644	125,376,644	148,688,367	18.6 %

FOOD SERVICE FUND

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Food Service Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	73,800,162	72,333,059	72,333,059	73,699,211	1.9 %
Food Service Fund Expenditures	73,800,162	72,333,059	72,333,059	73,699,211	1.9 %

PERSONNEL

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	607.57	627.57	627.57	629.45	0.3 %

REVENUES

Sale of Meals	16,051,254	28,389,127	28,389,127	28,389,127	—
Federal Food	56,772,498	41,982,540	41,982,540	43,348,692	3.3 %
State Food	3,826,604	1,961,392	1,961,392	1,961,392	—
Food Service Fund Revenues	76,650,356	72,333,059	72,333,059	73,699,211	1.9 %

REAL ESTATE FUND

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
--------------------	---	---	---	---	---

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Real Estate Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	4,489,789	5,039,226	5,039,226	5,039,226	—
Real Estate Fund Expenditures	4,489,789	5,039,226	5,039,226	5,039,226	—
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	—
REVENUES					
Real Estate Fund	4,110,364	5,039,226	5,039,226	5,039,226	—
Real Estate Fund Revenues	4,110,364	5,039,226	5,039,226	5,039,226	—

FIELD TRIP FUND

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Field Trip Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,673,419	2,979,154	2,979,154	2,972,646	-0.2 %
Field Trip Fund Expenditures	1,673,419	2,979,154	2,979,154	2,972,646	-0.2 %

PERSONNEL

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	—

REVENUES

Field Trip Fees	1,367,252	2,979,154	2,979,154	2,972,646	-0.2 %
Field Trip Fund Revenues	1,367,252	2,979,154	2,979,154	2,972,646	-0.2 %

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES FUND

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	9,133,445	9,107,832	9,107,832	9,135,389	0.3 %
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Expenditures	9,133,445	9,107,832	9,107,832	9,135,389	0.3 %

PERSONNEL

Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	—

REVENUES

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY24	Budget FY25	Estimate FY25	Approved FY26	%Chg Bud/App
Entrepreneurial Activities Fee	2,204,520	2,507,832	2,507,832	2,535,389	1.1 %
Entrepreneurial Activities Fund Revenues	2,204,520	2,507,832	2,507,832	2,535,389	1.1 %

INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FUND

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
Instructional Television Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	1,647,927	1,581,200	1,581,200	1,378,278	-12.8 %
Instructional Television Fund Expenditures	1,647,927	1,581,200	1,581,200	1,378,278	-12.8 %

PERSONNEL

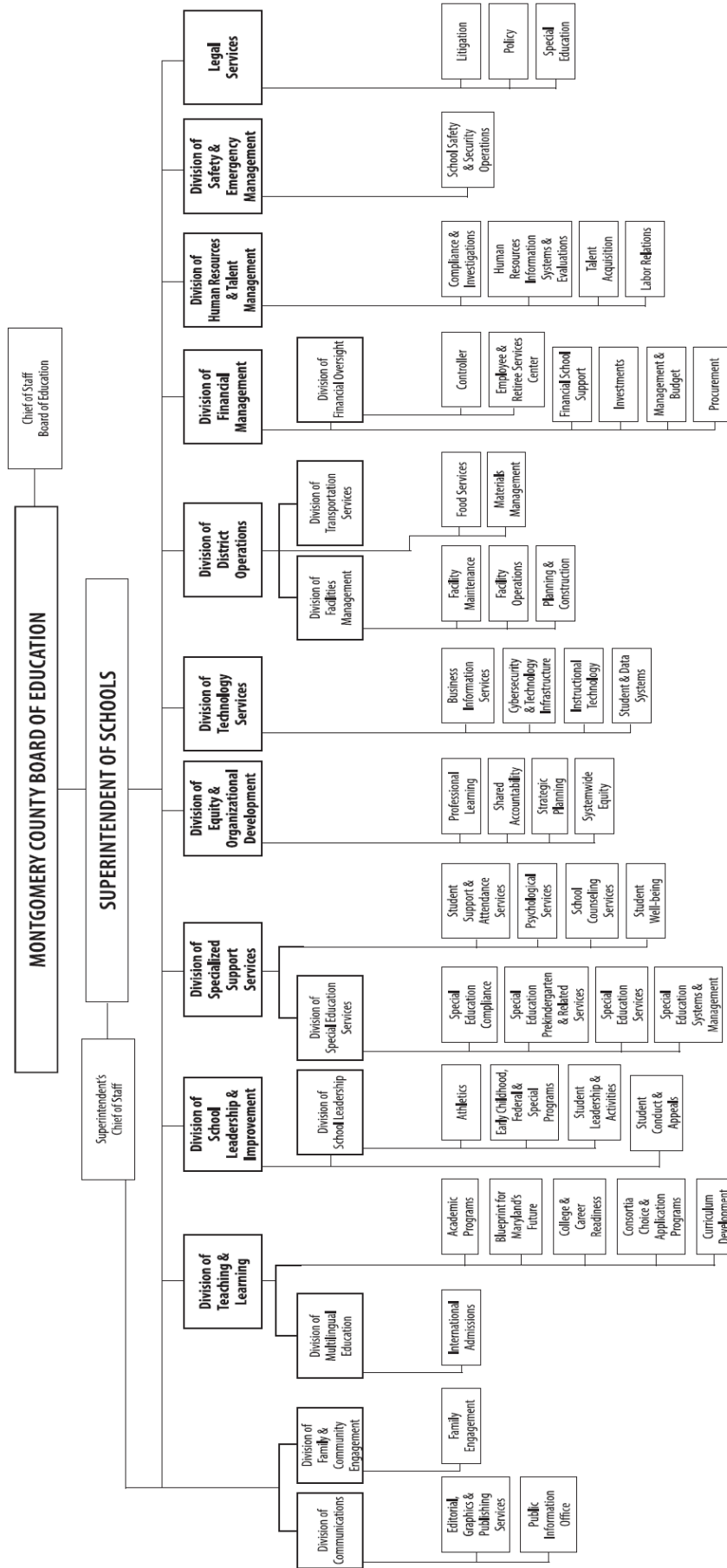
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	13.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	—

REVENUES

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

Total Expenditures	3,298,818,198	3,322,306,526	3,334,199,583	3,595,551,906	8.2 %
Total Full-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total Part-Time Positions	0	0	0	0	—
Total FTEs	24,529.33	24,764.54	24,764.54	25,387.32	2.5 %
Total Revenues	1,261,870,036	1,185,482,988	1,185,482,988	1,248,931,290	5.4 %

FY 2026 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ORGANIZATION



Note: This chart does not include every office or unit. Refer to the FY 2026 Operating Budget for detailed organizational charts.

MCPS BUDGETS FY90-FY26						
County Fiscal Year	Budgeted Enrollment	Total Budget	Per Pupil	County Funding	Per Pupil	County Funding As Percent of Total
90	100,259	\$642,553,932	\$6,409	\$545,768,528	\$5,444	84.9%
91	103,732	\$702,260,084	\$6,770	\$601,407,797	\$5,798	85.6%
92	107,140	\$712,896,646	\$6,654	\$603,939,300	\$5,637	84.7%
93	110,037	\$738,767,864	\$6,714	\$622,732,456	\$5,659	84.3%
94	113,429	\$793,907,907	\$6,999	\$666,557,884	\$5,876	84.0%
95	117,082	\$830,010,147	\$7,089	\$695,512,609	\$5,940	83.8%
96	120,291	\$878,160,420	\$7,300	\$718,938,647	\$5,977	81.9%
97	122,505	\$915,141,097	\$7,470	\$740,984,871	\$6,049	81.0%
98	125,035	\$958,416,196	\$7,665	\$765,835,476	\$6,125	79.9%
99	127,852	\$1,034,768,530	\$8,093	\$820,833,423	\$6,420	79.3%
00	130,689	\$1,105,644,145	\$8,460	\$870,940,869	\$6,664	78.8%
01	134,180	\$1,216,096,599	\$9,063	\$959,754,838	\$7,153	78.9%
02	136,832	\$1,323,625,477	\$9,673	\$1,029,703,651	\$7,525	77.8%
03	138,891	\$1,412,161,822	\$10,167	\$1,079,188,698	\$7,770	76.4%
04	139,203	\$1,501,381,116	\$10,786	\$1,136,392,169	\$8,164	75.7%
05	139,337	\$1,609,382,533	\$11,550	\$1,217,214,553	\$8,736	75.6%
06	139,387	\$1,713,736,154	\$12,295	\$1,296,325,112	\$9,300	75.6%
07	137,798	\$1,851,496,287	\$13,436	\$1,384,725,787	\$10,049	74.8%
08	137,745	\$1,985,017,619	\$14,411	\$1,456,912,582	\$10,577	73.4%
09	137,763	\$2,066,683,294	\$15,002	\$1,531,482,602	\$11,117	74.1%
10	140,500	\$2,200,577,000	\$15,662	\$1,573,754,447	\$11,201	71.5%
11	143,309	\$2,104,188,040	\$14,683	\$1,425,385,344	\$9,946	67.7%
12	146,497	\$2,086,786,613	\$14,245	\$1,387,101,480	\$9,468	66.5%
13	149,018	\$2,160,029,595	\$14,495	\$1,436,513,701	\$9,640	66.5%
14	151,289	\$2,225,421,052	\$14,710	\$1,475,223,045	\$9,751	66.3%
15	153,852	\$2,276,763,984	\$14,798	\$1,515,027,760	\$9,847	66.5%
16	156,447	\$2,318,388,936	\$14,819	\$1,540,794,230	\$9,849	66.5%
17	159,016	\$2,457,473,761	\$15,454	\$1,650,794,230	\$10,381	67.2%
18	161,470	\$2,528,825,122	\$15,661	\$1,683,943,316	\$10,429	66.6%
19	163,294	\$2,612,644,776	\$16,000	\$1,712,627,645	\$10,488	65.6%
20	164,477	\$2,680,574,773	\$16,298	\$1,726,807,241	\$10,499	64.4%
21	166,317	\$2,756,257,059	\$16,572	\$1,752,612,120	\$10,538	63.6%
22	164,175	\$2,782,097,823	\$16,946	\$1,754,247,868	\$10,685	63.1%
23	160,627	\$2,920,027,627	\$18,179	\$1,839,071,460	\$11,449	63.0%
24	161,831	\$3,165,007,511	\$19,557	\$1,995,489,035	\$12,331	63.0%
25	160,969	\$3,322,306,526	\$20,639	\$2,128,642,338	\$13,224	64.1%
26	159,915	\$3,595,551,906	\$22,484	\$2,338,642,338	\$14,624	65.0%

Sources: Approved Operating Budgets

Note: Budgeted enrollment is the enrollment figure used during development of that year's budget.

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK